

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-221**

**Donald and Kline General Store and Post Office**

**3903 17th Street**

**Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County**

**Ca. 1901**

**Private**

The Donald and Kline General Store and Post Office was constructed circa 1901 at the corner of 17th Street and New York Avenue, now Bayside Road, in the town of Chesapeake Beach in Calvert County. It was built at the height of development in the resort town of Chesapeake Beach, which was platted in 1899 by the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company. Situated on Lot 25 of Block 73, the store was known by the first decades of the 20th century as the Donald and Kline General Store, named after owner John E. Donald. Like many general stores in small communities, it also served as the Chesapeake Beach Post Office for a period of time. The Donald and Kline Store is characteristic of the general store and post office in Calvert County.

The Queen Anne-style building stands two stories in height and four bays in width. The wood-frame building is clad in German siding with a wide wood sill plate and the double side-gabled roof features asphalt shingling and a boxed cornice. Characteristic of the Queen Anne style of architecture, the building features alternating rows of modern fishscale and sawtooth shingles in the gable ends. The rebuilt porch is one story in height and three bays in width and is detailed with turned wood posts and balusters, a half-hipped roof, and scroll-sawn brackets. In the 1970s, a number of alterations were made to the building, including the rebuilding of the foundation with parged concrete blocks, the removal of the chimneys, and the replacement of all of the windows. The interior of the building was also altered, dividing the first floor into several small offices.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Donald and Kline General Store and Post Office  
other

### 2. Location

street and number 3903 17th Street not for publication  
city, town Chesapeake Beach vicinity  
county Calvert

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bruce A. and Rebecca G. Wahl  
street and number 3903 17th Street telephone 301/855-8430  
city, town Chesapeake Bch state MD zip code 20732-9715

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: M103, P24-25  
city, town Prince Frederic liber ABE folio 283

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1901, the Donald and Kline General Store and Post Office is located at 3903 17th Street in Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County, Maryland. Situated at the southeast corner of 17th Street and Bayside Road (Route 261), the Queen Anne-style building stands two stories in height and four bays in width. The wood-frame building is clad in German siding with a wide wood sill plate and the double side-gabled roof features asphalt shingling and a boxed cornice. Characteristic of the Queen Anne style of architecture, the building features alternating rows of modern fishscale and sawtooth shingles in the gable ends. The rebuilt porch is one story in height and three bays in width and is detailed with turned wood posts and balusters, a half-hipped roof, and scroll-sawn brackets. In the 1970s, a number of alterations were made to the building, including the rebuilding of the foundation with parged concrete blocks, the removal of the chimneys, and the replacement of all of the windows. The interior of the building was also altered, dividing the first floor into several small offices.

### EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The façade or west elevation has two separate entries on the first story, both of which are single-leaf, five-panel doors with square-edged wood surrounds. The first and second stories are both pierced by two 6/6-replacement windows with square-edged wood surrounds. Dominating the façade is a center gable peak which features modern fishscale and sawtooth wood shingles.

The double-gable roof is visible from the south elevation, with two gable ends clad in alternating rows of fishscale and sawtooth shingles. On the first story, there is one 6/6-replacement window and the second story is pierced by three 6/6-replacement windows, all of which feature square-edged wood surrounds.

The east elevation features an enclosed rear porch, which obscures the first story of the main block. It is pierced by a six-light fixed window, sliding plate glass doors, and a single-leaf four-panel, two-light door. Both doors on the enclosed porch lead to the wood deck, which was constructed between 1987 and 1991. The deck, which features square-cut balusters with ball finials on the corner posts, can also be accessed by an exterior stair. The second story of the east elevation is pierced by paired 1/1 windows and a single 6/6 window. A center gable rises above the rear roof slope and is decorated in the same manner as the center gable peak on the façade. The basement, which was created when the pier foundation was rebuilt as a solid foundation in the 1970s, can be accessed from this elevation. The parged foundation is pierced by double-leaf two-panel, nine-light wood doors.

The north elevation is similar to the south elevation, with the double-gable roof detailed with fishscale and sawtooth shingles in the gable ends. Like the south elevation, the first story features one 6/6-replacement window and the second story is pierced by three 6/6-replacement windows, all of which feature square-edged wood surrounds.

### INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior of the Donald and Kline General Store was drastically altered in the 1970s, leaving little historic fabric. The first floor has been divided into several small rooms, including a reception area, four offices, a kitchenette, and a small bathroom. The floors are covered with wall-to-wall carpet, a drop ceiling with acoustic-tile panels has been installed, and the walls have been reclad with wallboard and simulated-wood paneling. Detailing the rooms on this floor are square-edged wood window casements, a six-inch-high flush wood baseboard, and square-edged door casements with a raised backband. The offices are accessed through single-leaf paneled doors with porcelain knobs. Although these doors are historic, the reconfiguration of the interior suggests that the doors are not original to the building. In the southwest corner of the building is a boxed straight stair with a round, replacement wood handrail. The steps have been carpeted and all original fabric either removed or covered. Likewise, there is a similarly detailed boxed straight stair in the northeast corner of the building. The bathroom, which is located in the enclosed porch, features a vinyl-clad floor, wallboard-clad walls, and a drop ceiling.

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The second floor of the building has also been drastically altered, with the space being divided into a conference room and two offices. The floors are covered with wall-to-wall carpeting and both the ceilings and the walls are clad in wallboard. The window casements are square-edged replacements and most of the doors feature square-edged replacement casements as well. However, the two doors at the top of the main stair have original moldings. Both doors, one of which leads to the conference room and the other which leads to the office in the southeast corner, are framed by reeded surrounds with bull's eye corner blocks. The reconfiguration of the interior space combined with the numerous alterations within the building suggests that the doors, although historic, may not be original to the building. The door leading to the office is a four-panel wood door and the door leading to the conference room is a four-panel wood door with one-light that appears to have originally been an exterior door.

The basement was created in the 1970s, when the original pier foundation was replaced by the current concrete-block foundation. In the 1980s, the concrete floor was poured. Circular saw marks are visible on the beams.

## 8. Significance

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<b>Specific dates</b>	c1901	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	c1901; c1970		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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### HISTORY OF THE DONALD AND KLINE GENERAL STORE

The Donald and Kline General Store is situated at the southern end of the town of Chesapeake Beach, which was incorporated in 1894. Prior to this time, the area was largely undeveloped. The 3,000-acre parcel of land was platted in 1899 by the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company, which was financed by Otto Mears and David Moffat. The town was linked by rail to Washington, D.C. and by water to the ports visited by steamboats. To attract visitors, the company constructed a boardwalk, wharf, and amusement park, which opened in 1900. (1) In 1901, after the opening of the amusement park, Laura Lena Carpenter purchased Lot 25 of Block 73 for \$500. Deed records indicate that the general store was constructed during her ownership. A 1912 promotional booklet for Chesapeake Beach showed a photograph of the building and labeled it as the general store and post office, "where money orders and registered letters are issued and forwarded." (2) The first post office was established in Chesapeake Beach on March 31, 1899 and service was likely operated from the general store for a number of years, as was the common practice in many rural communities. (3) An undated postcard of Chesapeake Beach shows the Donald and Kline General Store with a post office sign hanging from the porch. The postcard was simply labeled "Post Office, Chesapeake Beach, MD." Carpenter retained ownership until 1916, when she sold the property to John E. Donald for \$1,400.

The town of Chesapeake Beach was thriving by the second decade of the 20th century and a second wharf was added at 17th Street in 1914, a few blocks from the store. By 1916, the town had begun to attract a large number of visitors from both Washington and Baltimore who came to walk on the boardwalk, ride the carousel, and play games at the various establishments. "There was no attempt whatever to temper the degree of gambling on the Boardwalk...All the games were patronized freely, and Dame Fortune seemed to smile on none except those running the games." (4) The general store would have served the visitors to the resort town, as well as those who lived in Chesapeake Beach year round.

Although the general store was known as the Donald and Kline Store for a number of years, John and Lucy Donald owned the property for only a short period, between 1916 and 1918, and Kline does not appear as an owner in any of the deeds. On November 11, 1918, John and Lucy Donald sold the store to Charles Buckmaster for \$2,000. Eleven years later, he purchased the adjacent parcel of land, Lot 24, from the Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company. A number of restrictive covenants were placed in this

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deed, preventing Buckmaster from operating a place of amusement, a gambling establishment, or a manufacturing establishment on the premises. Spirituous or malt liquors could not be made, sold, or kept for sale on the property. Additionally, the deed stated that a house no less than \$2,500 could be erected and that no person of African-American descent could own the property. (5) During Buckmaster's ownership, the town of Chesapeake Beach entered an economic decline, spurred by the increased ease of visitation to the Atlantic coastline resorts. In 1930, part of the boardwalk was replaced by Seaside Park and, in 1933, a hurricane destroyed the remaining portion. The destruction of the boardwalk combined with the Great Depression further impacted the resort community and with the advent of World War II in 1941, steamboats no longer called at Chesapeake Beach, ending much of its fame as a resort community.

Buckmaster retained ownership of both Lots 24 and 25 until August 23, 1945, when he sold the property to joint-tenants John Herbert and John A. Herbert. The Herberts retained ownership of the building for a few years, selling the property, including both lots of land, to John Merry in 1951. The property remained in the Merry family until 1969, when it was sold to Lloyd and Henni Hall, who owned the store until 1976. At that time, it was sold to Robinwood, Inc. and, in 1985, Issam F. El-Damalouji purchased it. During the second half of the 20th century, the building was used for a variety of different establishments, including a doctor's office, a pizza place, a beer hall, and a plumbing contractor's office. The current owners, Bruce and Rebecca Wahl, purchased the property in 1991 for use as offices for the Chesapeake Computer Group. In 1997, the Wahls were awarded a Calvert County Historic Preservation Project Award for their rehabilitation of the building. (6)

### THE GENERAL STORE IN CALVERT COUNTY

The Donald and Kline General Store and Post Office is one of a number of general stores that served the residents of Calvert County during the early 20th century. The building type is particularly significant not only on a practical level, but as a social outlet for widely dispersed rural residents, as well. General stores in Calvert County were located in small towns or along rural transportation routes, both land and water, particularly crossroads, waterway landings, and at railroad freight or flag stops. In Calvert County, most of the known general stores date to the late 19th and early 20th centuries and adopt the form of a late-Victorian-era dwelling. They are two-story wood-frame buildings with gable or cross-gable roofs and wide front or side porches, a form more suggestive of a residence than a commercial building. The Donald and Kline General Store fits within this description. This may relate to the fact that most known general stores in Calvert County were either initially built as dwellings, with the store being built onto or into them at a later date, or the store was originally built in conjunction with a residence. Often the proprietor of the store would live in the building or would rent out the residence to family or employees.

The "general" store was so named because of the general nature of items carried. First and foremost in the country general store was the agricultural and livestock merchandise such as feed, seeds for planting, small tools and supplies such as rope and nails. Fishing, oystering and crabbing supplies such as bait, nets and cages would have been sold in many stores, as well, particularly in the late 19th and early 20th centuries with the rise of the seafood industry in Calvert County. Basic food items, primarily dry goods such as flour and salt, were carried as well, and to a lesser extent perishable items such as freshly-butchered meats and dairy products. Availability of perishable items such as meats, dairy products, fruits and vegetable, before refrigeration became readily accessible in the second quarter of the 20th century would have been periodic, with local butchers or farmers delivering fresh items in relatively small quantities. Some storeowners stocked freshly butchered meat from their own livestock for sale in the store. Most county residents, however, would have such items supplied on their own farm. Already prepared food, such as is common in gas station convenience stores today, was uncommon in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but by the mid-20th century many general stores offered prepared foods such as cold cut sandwiches or even had a grill.

Tobacco products, toiletries, newspapers and other periodical publications and medicines were an essential component of the general store, which featured a variety of painkillers, tonics and elixirs, and other general remedies. General stores frequently carried sweets and sodas, as well, the latter deriving from general store medicine tonics and achieving its current popularity by

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introduction in country general stores of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Many general stores also carried cloth, or basic apparel for the rural residents engaged in agricultural or maritime pursuits. Standard items included farming and fishing apparel such as overalls and cotton shirts or waterproof gear, underwear, socks and shoes, as well as more luxury items such as collared shirts, dresses and hats. Small gifts and toys were also common in the general store. Following the introduction of gasoline-powered automobiles and boats, gasoline fuel pumps became a major component to the general store, along automobile, railroad and water routes.

In addition to stocking basic goods and necessities, the country general store also provided a variety of services to the rural and small town resident. As in the case of the Donald and Kline General Store, general stores frequently contained local post offices where patrons could retrieve and post mail, or send money orders. General stores were often the first, and sometimes the only, location in the area to have a telephone, and residents would travel substantial distances to make a telephone call.

Country general stores were more than just places to purchase goods. Wide front porches with chairs or interior seating areas arranged around wood heating stoves were provided for the customers by the proprietor specifically to encourage social interaction which preserved the customer base and provided the proprietor with the opportunity to visit and catch up on local news and gossip. Local residents and store proprietors knew one another, sometimes their entire lives, and visits to the store for both business and social purposes became part of their routine.

During the day, both men and women, black and white, would gather and socialize in the general store, as opposed to other meeting places such as schools and churches, the latter which were not only segregated by race, but very often sex as well. Evenings, however, when the general store stayed open late, were largely reserved for the men of the community who would gather on the porches in the summer or around the wood stove in the winter to talk, play cards or checkers, or listen to the radio. Single men were known to have spent just about every night at their local general store, whereas married men visited less frequently.

General stores began to decline in popularity and number following World War II, largely due to the appearance of supermarkets, department stores, and other specialized merchandise stores. Some general stores adapted to the changes taking place by becoming gas station convenience stores that catered less to the local community and more to transient patrons. Other general stores were converted into liquor stores or other businesses such as the Donald and Kline General Store that has been converted into office space. Some stores were turned into residences or simply abandoned when the business was no longer financially viable. A small percentage of late-19th- and early-20th-century general stores have survived in something like their original function. The significance of this once prevalent building type, however, is apparent from the great numbers that used to exist in the county, and from the memories of county residents who grew up around the general store.

### CHAIN OF TITLE

Parcel 1 (Lot 25)

May 4, 1901: Chesapeake Beach Railway Company to Laura Lena Carpenter  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber GWD 2, Folio 252

November 13, 1916: Laura Lena Carpenter to John E. Donald  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 1, Folio 119

May 8, 1917: John E. Donald to Lucy E. Donald  
Land Records of Calvert County

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Liber AAH 1, Folio 325

November 11, 1918: Lucy E. Donald and John E. Donald to Charles Buckmaster  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 2, Folio 504

Parcel 2 (Lot 24)

August 1, 1929: Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company to Charles R. Buckmaster  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 21, Folio 593

Parcels 1 and 2 (Lots 24 and 25)

August 23, 1945: Charles R. Buckmaster and Annie M. Buckmaster to John  
Herbert and John A. Herbert  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AWR 4, Folio 421

November 23, 1951: John Herbert and John A. Herbert, joint tenants, to John W. Merry and Elizabeth L. Merry  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AWR 28, Folio 181

No Date: John W. Merry to John W. Merry, Jr. and Pearl S. Shoemaker  
Will Records of Calvert County  
Liber GLH 4, Folio 43

November 17, 1969: John W. Merry, Jr., Mary Catherine Merry, Pearl A. Shoemaker and John K. Shoemaker to Lloyd Vernon Hall and Henni Hall  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 115, Folio 369

October 18, 1973: Lloyd Vernon Hall and Henni Hall to Nan Coburn Foster  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 163, Folio 220

September 17, 1976: Larry D. Lamson, Trustee in Equity Case E-76-14, to Lloyd Vernon Hall and Henni Hall  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 202, Folio 661

November 2, 1976: Lloyd Vernon Hall and Henni Hall to Robinwood, Inc.  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 203, Folio 390

October 9, 1985: Robinwood, Inc. to Issam F. El-Damalouji  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber ABE 350, Folio 779



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July 1, 1987: Issam F. El-Damalouji to Michael E. and Donna L. Cochran  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber ABE 408, Folio 772

September 18, 1991: Michael E. and Donna L. Cochran to Bruce A. and Rebecca G. Wahl  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber ABE 573, Folio 283

### ENDNOTES

1. Anne M. Sundermann, Harbours, Creeks & Places: The Steamboat Wharves and Landings of Calvert County, Maryland, (Prince Frederick, MD: Calvert County Historic District Commission, 2001), p. 20.
2. Susan Barton, "Chesapeake Beach home transformed from ruin to historic Victorian charm," Calvert Independent, August 6, 1997, Section B, p. 1.
3. "Calvert County Post Offices," Post Offices, Vertical Files, Calvert County Historical Society, Prince Frederick, MD.
4. "Sunday in Chesapeake Beach," Calvert Journal, July 8, 1916.
5. Land Records of Calvert County, Liber AAH 21, Folio 593, Calvert County Courthouse, Prince Frederick, MD.
6. Barton.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 0.12 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name North Beach

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Donald and Kline General Store and Post Office has been associated with Lots 24 and 25, as denoted on Tax Map 103, Block 73 on the plat of the Town of Chesapeake Beach since its construction circa 1901.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date 8/26/02

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Barton, Susan, "Chesapeake Beach home transformed from ruin to historic Victorian charm," Calvert Independent, August 6, 1997, Section B, p. 1.

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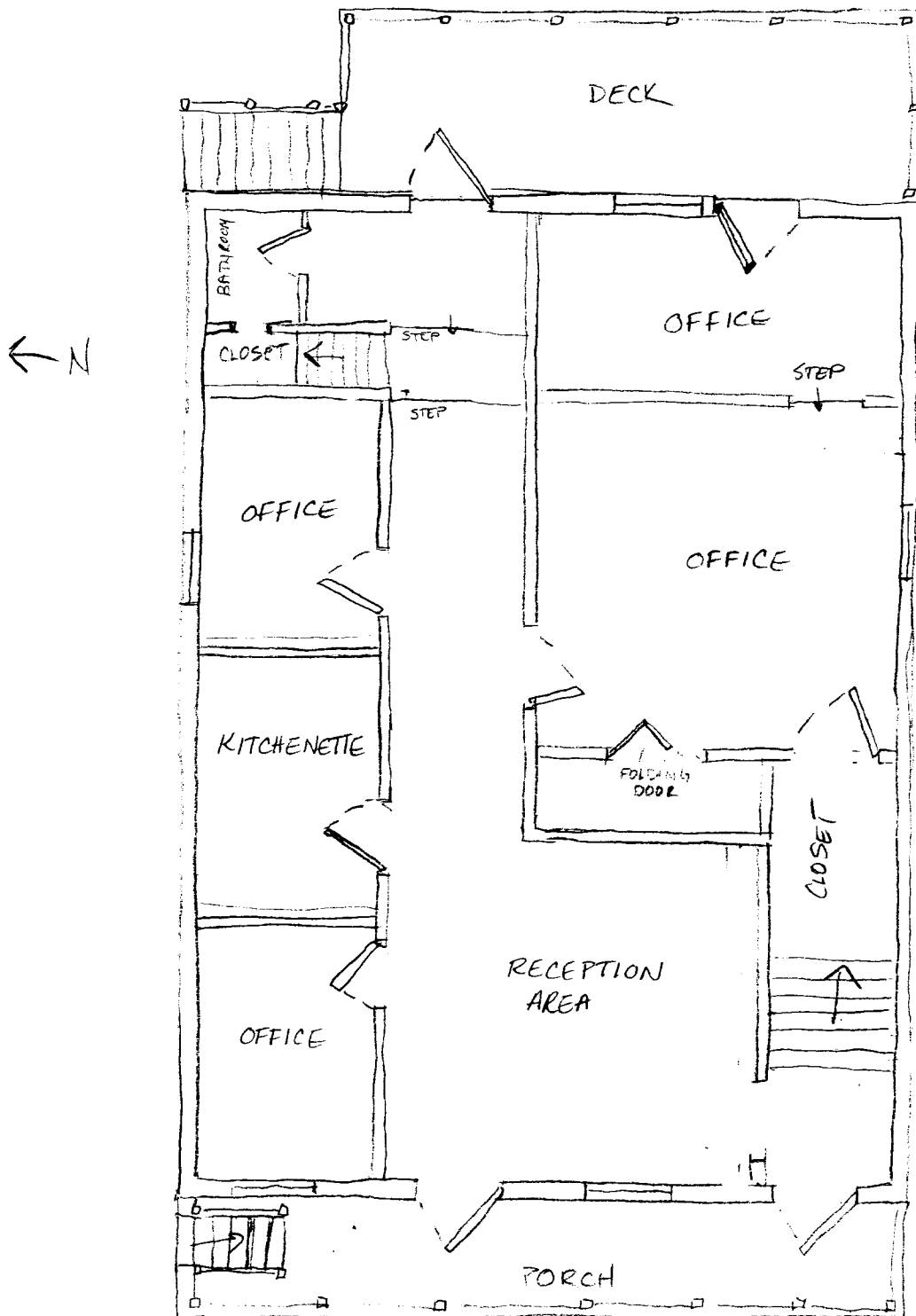
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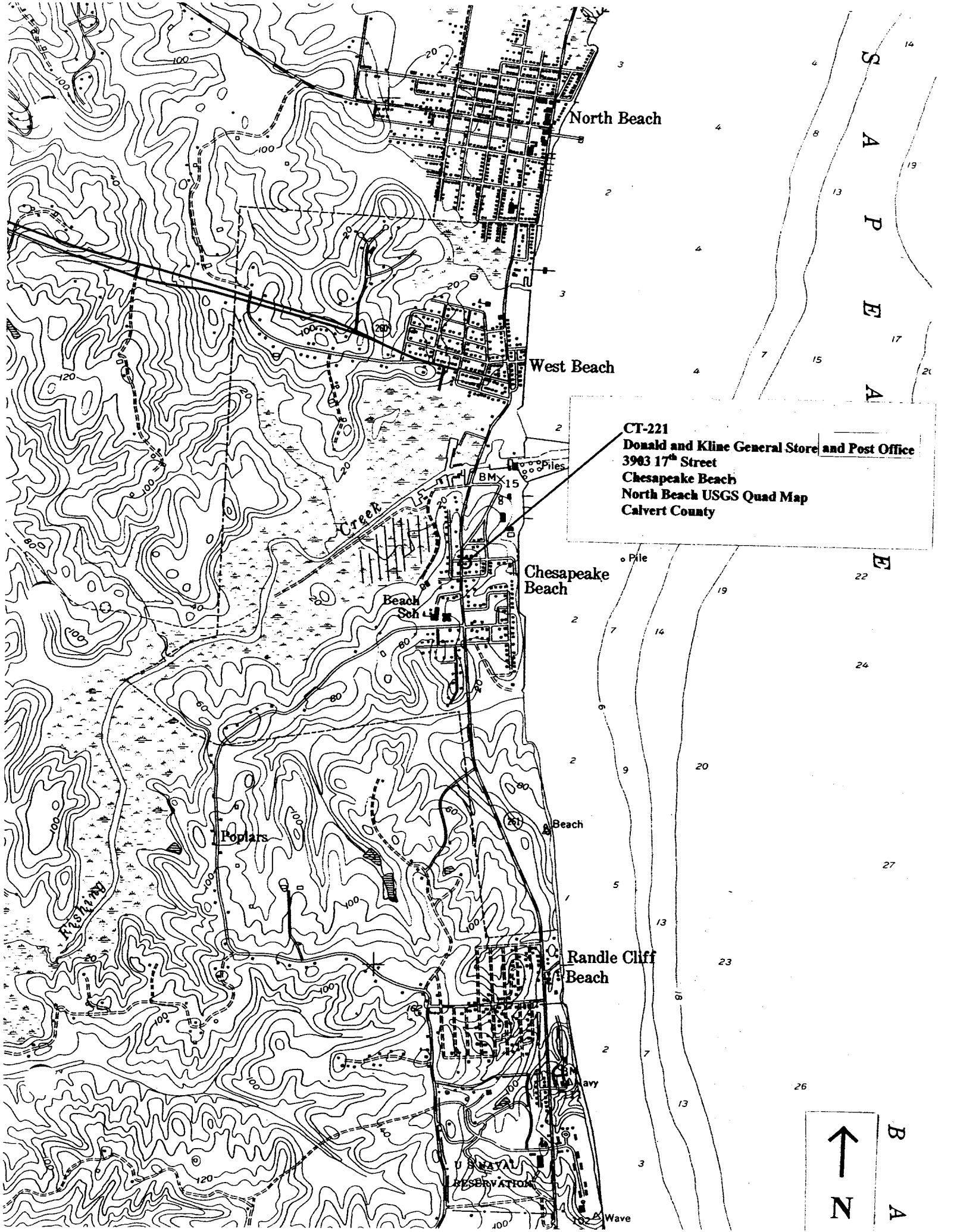
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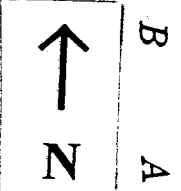
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West Elevation View East



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Southeast Corner, View Looking Northwest

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**1 NAME**

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

(Now Bayside Road (MD 261) and 17th Street)

17th and New York Avenue

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ches. Beach — VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☒ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John R. Yorskey (1950)

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: AWR 22 AWR 1 AWR 6

Folio #: 555, 107, 165

(block 73, tax map 12A)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street (Maryland Route 765)

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Six gables decorated with fish-scale shingels top this two-story frame store. The Victorian building was recently restored to its original appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## RIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Donald & Kline General Store

Chesapeake Beach

c. 1900

Private

Six gables decorated with fish-scale shingles top this two-story frame store. The Victorian building was recently restored to its original appearance.



(Capsule)

## Donald and Kline General Store

Even though Chesapeake Beach was conceived of and existed as a summer resort, there were many full-time residents in both summer and winter. Their needs were the same as other rural towns and the importance of a general store-post office can not be underestimated. This store is pictured in an early advertisement for the resort and its importance to communications as well as commerce was recognized at that time.

Although altered in modern times, the Donald and Kline Store retains its six gables with the fishscale shingles that help preserve the character of this late Victorian resort.

## Donald and Kline General Store

This structure sits close to the road on the southeast corner of the intersection of New York Avenue and 17th Street. It is a white clapboard building with a distinguishing feature of six gables, one in the front (w), one in the back (e), and two on each side.

In the early part of the 20th Century, when Chesapeake Beach was a new and thriving resort town, this building served the dual purpose of being a general store and a post office.

At the moment it is abandoned, its last use being that of a pizza parlor. The first floor front (w) and back (e) have been altered by additions but the upper story has maintained its original appearance. A photograph of this building appears in an advertising booklet published around 1910 - 1912. In it one can see that there was originally a covered porch with four gingerbread supports, metal roof and wide floor boards. A sign hung on the porch saying postoffice. The first floor was essentially three bays wide, a wide main door was in the exact center with a sash window on either side. There were two windows on the upper front which appears smaller than those on the first floor, all had shutters. The photo also shows another door in the front part on the far south end.

The front gable in the old photograph is decorated with fishscale shingles. There was a chimney in the middle of the building as there is now.

This porch has been replaced by a more modern store front. There is still a center door but it is flanked by two large glass windows, the whole of which is encased in a redwood colored enclosure. There is a glassed-in porch in the rear (east side) and a small wood addition on the south side on the building that does not appear in the early photograph. In the pamphlet, this photo is identified as follows:

"The above picture represents the General Store of Donald and Kline. Here also is located the Post Office where money orders and registered letters are issued and rewarded."

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DONALD AND KLEIN STORE

A.W.R. 22/555

March 21, 1950

Anna M. Williams, Widow  
Ande Ora W. Yorskey

John R. Yorskey

Lot # 17 in Block 73

PLAT #1

John E. Donald and Lucy E. Donald

Anna M. Williams

December 28, 1945

TBT 5/ 571

PLAT#1 of the town of Chesapeake Beach

AWR 3/384

John W. Leitch, Treasurer

John E. Donald

July 31, 1928

AAH 19/504

Land assed back taxes for the years 1924, 1925, and 1926.

Mrs. M. L. Stebbins

John W. Leitch treasurer

June 16, 1927 John E. Donald purchase land for \$310.

AAH 9/176

September 13, 1922

Chesapeake Beach Hotel Co.

Mrs. M. L. Stebbins

AAH 24/562

February 5, 1930

John E. Donald and Lucy E. Donald

Chesapeake Beach Hotel

Jan. 21, 1922

8,475 sq. ft.

the land hereby conveyed; that it has a right to convey said land; that the said parties of the second part shall quietly enjoy said land; that it has done no act to encumber said land; and that it will execute such assurances of said land as may be requisite.

In Testimony Whereof, the said Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company of Calvert County hath, on the day first hereinbefore written, caused these presents to be signed by L. F. Detrick, its President, attested by J. M. Rector, its Secretary, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed; and doth hereby appoint L. F. Detrick its true and lawful attorney in fact to execute and deliver these presents as its act and deed.

Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company of Calvert County

By L. F. Detrick,

Its President.

Attest:

J. M. Rector,  
Secretary.

CORPORATION  
SEAL

State of Maryland, Prince Georges County, ss:

I hereby certify that on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1930, before me, a Notary Public personally appeared L. F. Detrick and as attorney in fact as aforesaid, and by virtue of authority vested in him, acknowledged to me to be the act and deed of the Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company of Calvert County, the grantor therein.

In Testimony Whereof, I have affixed my official seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1930.

NOTARIAL  
SEAL

Dwight Stotter,

Recorded Oct. 9, 1930 and exp. for

Arthur A. Harkness, Clerk

orig. to Ches. Beach Hotel Co. Oct. 16/30

ADH 24/562

This Deed, made this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty by and between John E. Donald, and Lucy E. Donald, of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, parties of the first part, and the Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company of Calvert County of Calvert County, Maryland party of the second part.

Witnesseth, that in consideration of the payment by the party of the second part of the sum of five thousand dollars with the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said parties of the first part do grant and convey unto the Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company of Calvert County party of the second part, its successors, heirs and assigns, in fee simple, all that piece or parcel of ground situate, lying and being in Calvert County State of Maryland, being the same land which the said party of the first part obtained from the Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company of Calvert County by deed dated the twenty-first day of January 1922, recorded in the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland, in Liber A.C.H. 7 at folio 291 and being described as follows, to wit: Beginning for the same at a point on the north side of County road and intersecting a line drawn from the center of the south end of County road

bridge over the Canal at Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, and running south 62 degrees 58' east 185 feet to an iron stake, the point of beginning; thence south 84 degrees 27' east 75 feet; thence north 5 degrees 33' east 112 feet 6 inches to the Canal; thence westerly with Canal 75 feet; thence north 5 degrees 33' west 113 feet 6 inches to point of beginning; containing 8475 square feet more or less.

Together, with the building and improvements thereupon, erected, made, or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances, and advantages, to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

To have and to hold the piece or parcel of ground and premises above described or mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances, and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the only proper use, benefit and behoof forever of the said Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company of Calvert County.

And the said parties of the first part covenant that they will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed; that they are seized of the land hereby conveyed; that they have a right to convey said land; that the said party of the second part shall quietly enjoy said land; that they have done no act to encumber said land; and that they will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite.

Witness our hands and seals.

Sub:

O. F. Bowen.

John E. Donald Seal  
Lucy E. Donald Seal

State of Maryland, Calvert County, ss:

I hereby certify that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1930, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public personally appeared John E. Donald and Lucy E. Donald his wife, and did each acknowledge the foregoing Deed to be their act.

In Testimony Whereof, I have affixed my official seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1930.

NOTARIAL  
SEAL

O. F. Bowen,  
Notary Public.

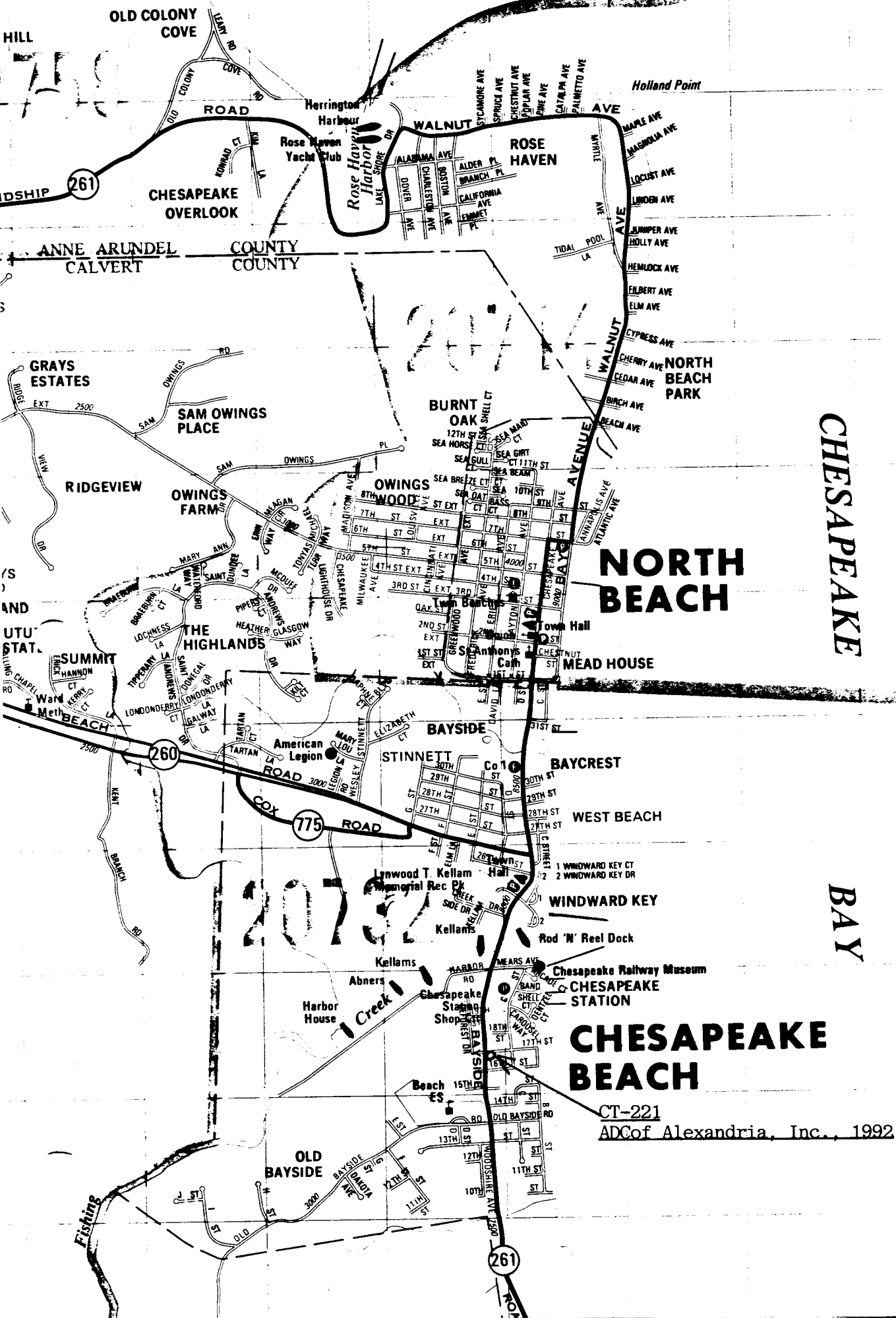
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Arthur A. Workman, Clerk.

Orig. to Ches. Beach Hotel Co. Oct. 16/30

This Deed, made this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 1920, by and between George H. Towne, of the City of Washington, District of Columbia, party of the first part, and Lloyd H. Stead and Maurice H. Stead, of the City of Washington, District of Columbia, parties of the second part.

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable considerations, to be more moving from the parties of the second part unto the parties of the first part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,



320,000 FT

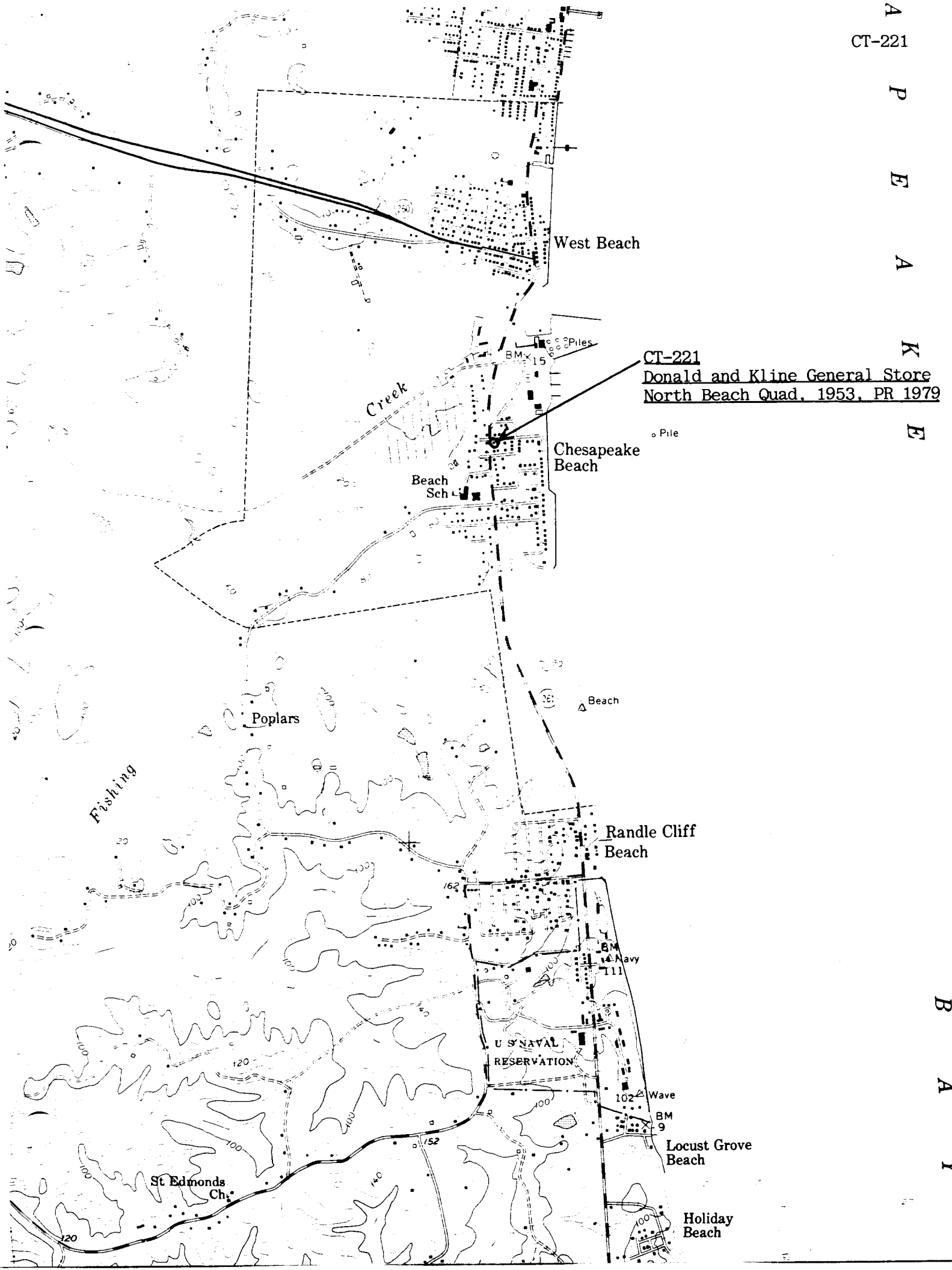
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Donald and Kline General Store  
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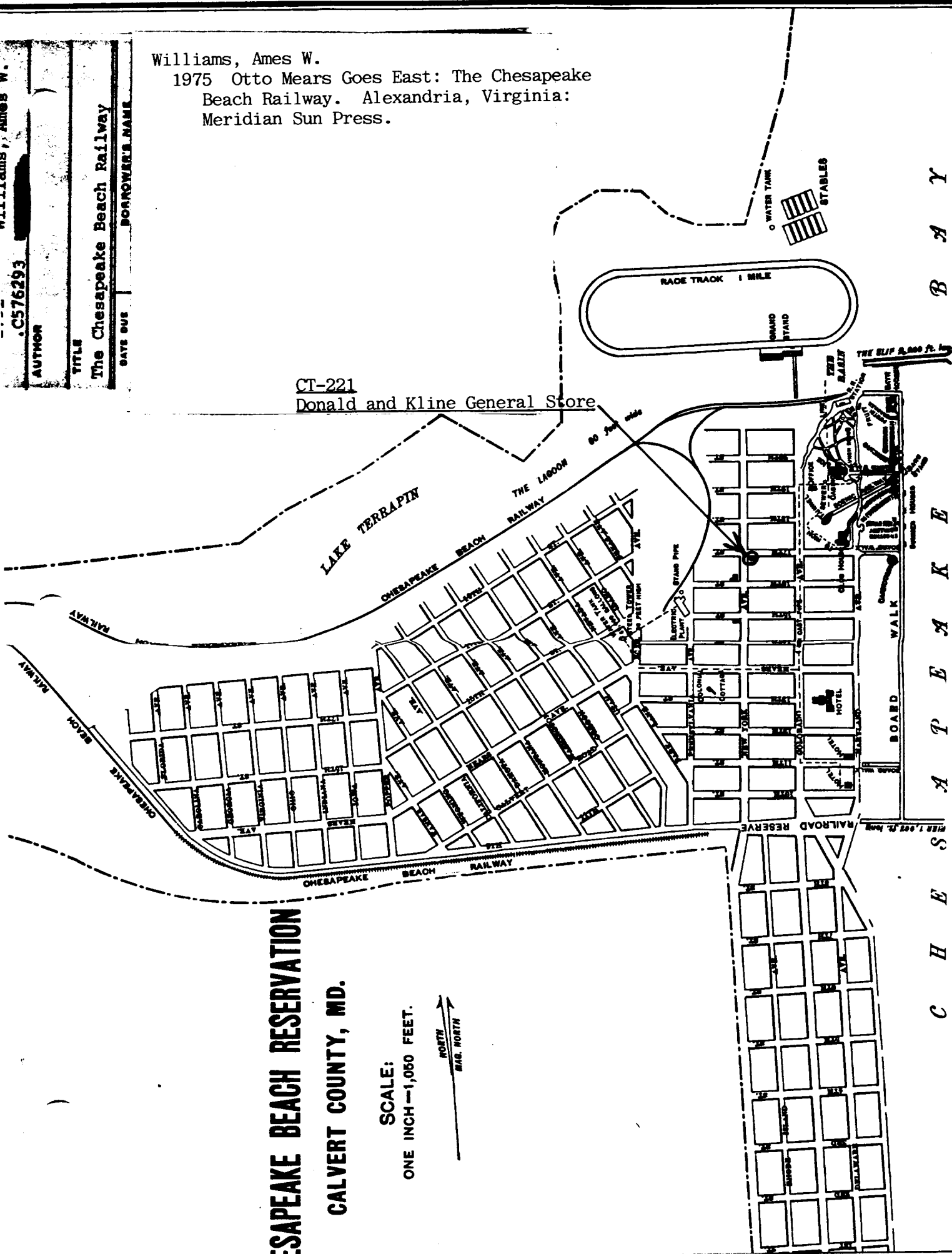
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CHESAPEAKE BEACH RESERVATION

CALVERT COUNTY, MD.

SCALE:

ONE INCH=1,000 FEET.



CHESAPEAKE BAY

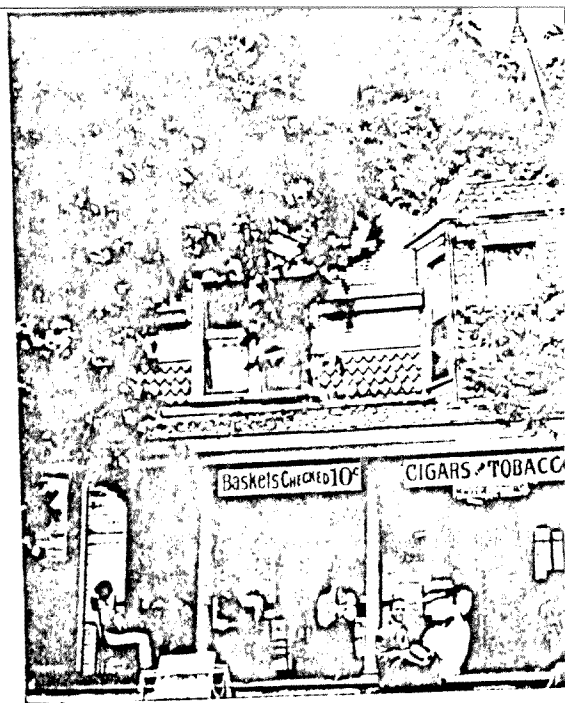
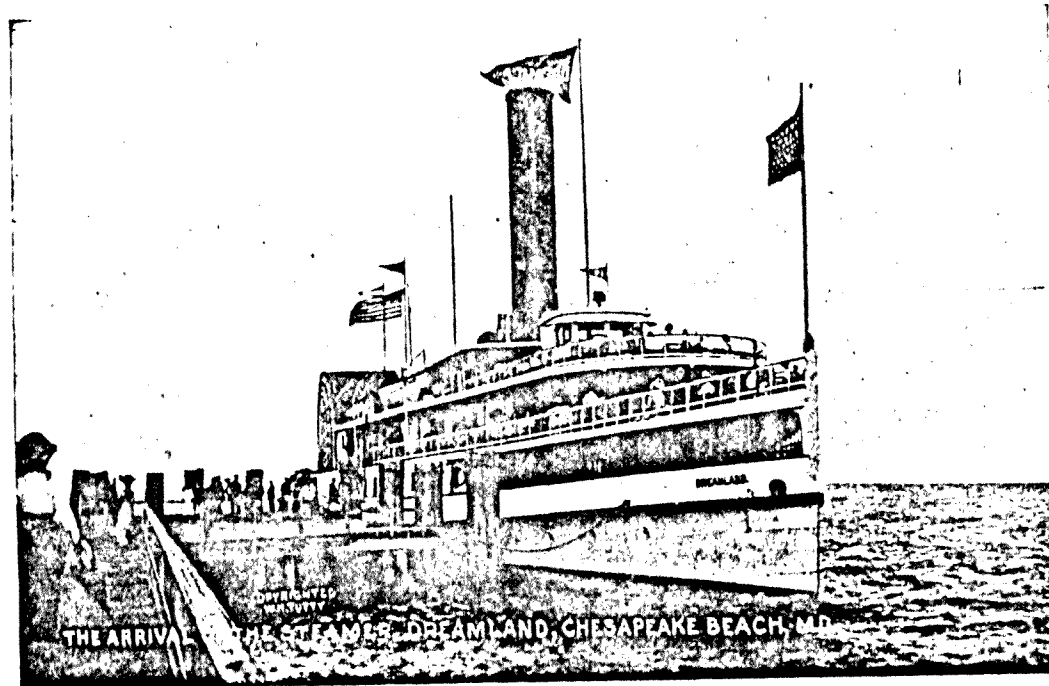


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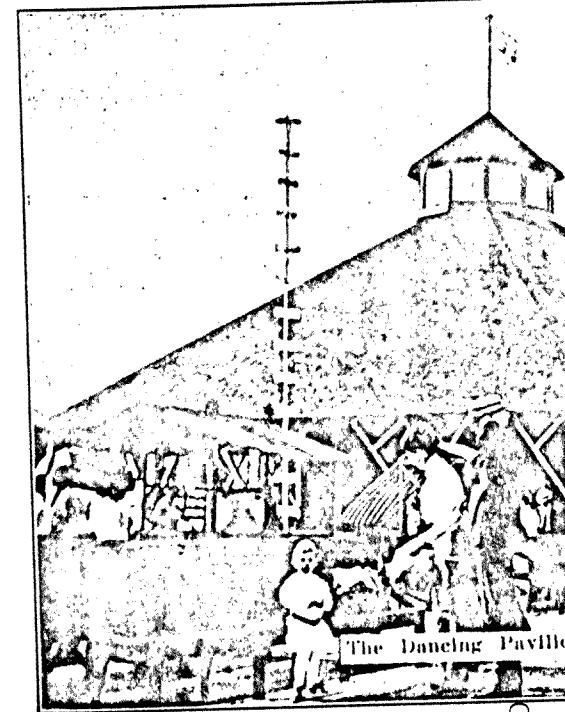


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The above picture represents the General Store of Donald and Kline. Here also is located the Post Office, where money orders and registered letters are issued and forwarded.  
 GEO. KLINE, P. M.



**Sniders'** —Meals and Lunch  
 The First and Last Word in Wholesome



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